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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS - CASE OF JAIME GERSCHUNI PEREZ (U)

REF: (A) BROWN-WOOD TELCON (B) 77 MONTEVIDEO 5011 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS IN ANSWER TO EMBASSY BONN INQUIRY TO URUGUAYAN
DESK REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS CASE OF JAIME GERSCHUNI PEREZ,
AKA JAIME PEREZ.

2. GERSCHUNI PEREZ, BORN 12 JULY 1928 IN MONTEVIDEO
WAS WELL-KNOWN LABOP LEADER IN THE PERIOD 1948-1960. ACCORDING
TO PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST
PARTY (PCU), RISING TO MEMBERSHIP IN ITS CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN
1955. HE WAS ELECTED TO A MONTEVIDEO MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN
1966 AS A CANDIDATE OF THE PCU, AND IN 1971 TO THE NATIONAL
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AS A CANDIDATE OF THE "FRENTE AMPLIO", A
LEFTIST/LIBERAL THIRD-PARTY COALITION.

3. HE WAS ARRESTED ON 24 OCTOBER 1974, AND WAS LATER CHARGED
BY THE MILITARY COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE WITH "ATTACKING THE
MORALE OF THE ARMED FORCES". REPORTEDLY, HE WAS SENTENCED

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IN EARLY 1979 TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON. ALSO REPORTEDLY, HE
HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING HIS IM-
PRISONMENT FOR AN UNKNOWN MALADY.

4. EMBASSY MONTEVIDEO RAISED THE CASE WITH THE GOV THROUGH
AN OFFICIAL-INFORMAL CHANNEL IN SEPTEMBER 1977, AND HAS
RENEWED OUR INDICATIONS OF INTEREST ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
SINCE THEN.

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